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### WOMEN'S TRIENNIAL FUNDING OPTIMISTIC

NEW YORK -- The 1982 Triennial Committee of the Episcopal Church heard an optimistic financial report on the projected budget for the 1980-82 triennium and stated that "no deficit" was anticipated during this period. Mrs. Sally Messick of Delaware, chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that this good news resulted primarily from inclusion in the Executive Council budget for \$20,000 a year -- unless they find it necessary to make cuts in their 1981 and/or 1982 budgets.

An additional factor in maintaining the projected budget will be the use of the hotel ballroom as the site of the 1982 Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church in New Orleans, eliminating the rental expense of an arena.

In studying the funding resolution passed by the 1979 Triennial Meeting at Denver, and looking ahead to 1985 and future meetings, the Triennial Committee is requesting that each diocese begin now to consider including a voluntary contribution for the support of the Triennial Meeting in its annual budget. Though it is recognized that it may be a year or more before this can be accomplished by some dioceses, the Committee urged the implementation of such a budget item by 1982 in preparation for the 1985 Triennial Meeting. This process would successfully implement the fourth item in the funding resolution -- working toward the goal of self-support for Triennial Meetings.

The Committee expressed its thanks to those dioceses which have already begun this budgeting and announced that a special account is being set up for its accrual.

Triennial funding contributions should be sent to: Dr. Anne Harrison, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

In a second request, the Finance committee is asking that all dioceses share with them their thinking and ideas concerning long-range funding of future Triennial Meetings. All suggestions or questions should be directed to: Mrs. John E. Messick (Finance Committee Chairman), Rte. 5, Box 4, Georgetown, Dela. 19947.

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